

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: Blas Cerdá

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For: **SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF  
METABOLIC ENZYME ACTIVITY AND  
METABOLITE LEVELS**

Examiner: P. C. Martin

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

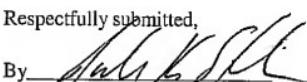
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 29, 2007, Applicant hereby elects the species "hydrolase." Applicant identifies all claims as generally related to the selected species.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR §1.141.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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